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| Journal Name: | [**European Journal of Nutrition & Food Safety**](https://journalejnfs.com/index.php/EJNFS) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_EJNFS\_137790** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **A qualitative survey to explore dietary changes during pregnancy and breastfeeding in rural community in Korhogo, Côte d’Ivoire** |
| Type of the Article | **Original Research Article** |

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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This study provides information on physiological changes during pregnancy that impact the foetus and child later in life. Mothers living in rural areas with low levels of education and knowledge are less aware of the importance of adequate nutritional intake. | This study provides valuable insights into the dietary changes that occur during pregnancy and lactation in a rural community in Korhogo, Côte d'Ivoire. It highlights the factors influencing these dietary behaviors, including cultural beliefs that shape perceptions around nutrition. Although the study only briefly addresses the potential impact of these habits on maternal and infant health, it contributes important knowledge about how cultural and social factors affect nutritional practices. This information is crucial for designing effective nutrition interventions adapted to local contexts. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **An exploration of dietary changes during pregnancy and lactation in a rural community in Korhogo, Côte d'Ivoire: A Qualitative Study** | We agree with the reviewer’s suggestion and accept the proposed title:  “An exploration of dietary changes during pregnancy and lactation in a rural community in Korhogo, Côte d'Ivoire: A Qualitative Study.”  The title has been updated accordingly in the revised manuscript. |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | The initial part of the abstract needs to be added to the background of the research. | Thank you for the valuable suggestion. We have enriched the background section of the abstract by adding context. |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | The title emphasises the type of qualitative research and does  not mention the method used, but the data results are presented quantitatively. | Thank you for your insightful comment. While our analysis includes some quantitative elements, the primary data collection and thematic analysis are qualitative in nature, justifying the inclusion of "A Qualitative Study." |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Do not cite articles published before 2015, and articles of international repute | Thank you for your comment. We understand the importance of using recent and internationally recognized references. While we made every effort to prioritize recent literature, some relevant studies published before 2015 were included due to their continued relevance and the limited number of updated publications on certain aspects of the topic. Regarding international reputation, we prioritized well-regarded sources, but for local data, options were limited, and we selected the most appropriate available studies. |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | English quality is understandable for scientific articles |  |
| **Optional/General** comments | This research provides important information for pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers and expectant mothers as well as enriching the knowledge of nutrition and health. | Thank you for this encouraging feedback. We are pleased that the study was found to contribute meaningfully to maternal nutrition and health knowledge. |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |